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CONTAINING NEK-LIKE KINASE (GNK)

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

**In the Specification**

Please replace the section at page 1, lines 3-5 with the following section:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of pending International Application No. PCT/US99/29989, filed 17 December 1999, which was published under PCT Article 21 (2) on 22 June 2000, in English, as WO 00/36097, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/113,003, filed 18 December 1998, now abandoned. International Application No. PCT/US99/29989 and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/113,003 are incorporated herein by reference.

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 1-52 and add the following new claims (53-77).